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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the Herbs and Medicinal Plants` wealth in Kolli hills, Javvadu hills and Yelagiri hills of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to set up a National Botanical Research Institute in this region to explore and exploit the huge repertoire of these herbs and medicinal plants;

(c) whether the Government have received any proposals in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) Yes. The Government is aware of the wealth of medicinal plants in the Kolli hills, Javvadu hills and Yelagiri hills of Tamil Nadu.

(b) There is no proposal to set up a National Botanical Research Institute in the region of Kolli hills, Javvadu hills and Yelagiri hills in Tamil Nadu. However, Medicinal Plants Conservation and Development Areas have been set up in these hills.

(c)&(d) The Medicinal Plants Board (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare) which has been established to deal with various affairs related to medicinal plants has informed that during 2001-2002 they have not received any scheme to finance the setting up of a full fledged research institute in any part of the country.